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Pursuant to MPEP § 1214.01 (I), the examiner believes that the references used in the final rejection mailed on 14 March 2006 and reviewed by the Board remain applicable to claims 16 and 17, as amended.

Additionally, the examiner indicates that the 112, 1st paragraph rejection has been withdrawn and the application has been remanded to the Board so that a decision making the original affirmance final can be entered.

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